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## State Fire Marshal Reminder: Change the Clock – Change the Battery

**Sacramento** – Daylight Savings Time is October 31, 2004. As we turn our clocks back one hour this weekend State Fire Marshal Ruben Grijalva reminds everyone to check their smoke alarm as well. Make sure the smoke alarm is working properly and install a fresh battery. These two simple tasks can mean the difference between life and death.

Roughly 70 percent of home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or non- working smoke alarms. **Properly working smoke alarms save lives.** Every family should have an escape plan and practice it so that everyone understands what they are to do in case of a fire. “A family fire drill can actually be fun for the kids and the lesson that is reinforced can save their life.”

State Fire Marshal Grijalva and all of the firefighters of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection remind everyone: **Before you go to bed Saturday night, set your clock back one hour and replace the battery in every smoke alarm in your house. You’ll sleep better for it.**

**For more tips:**

[Change Your Clock & Check Your Smoke Detectors](#)

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